

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are now pending in the application. Claim 3 has been amended and claims 4-6 are new. The amendments to the claims contained herein are of equivalent scope as originally filed and, thus, are not narrowing amendments. No matter has been added by this amendment.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, an early indication of the allowability of each of claims 1-6 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment of Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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